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Applicants: Lynch et al. Docket No.: 2836-C
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STIMULATORY FACTOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed February 21, 2001 (Paper No. 5), the Office required restriction of the claims of the present application into the following four groups:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 14, drawn to a method of augmenting an immune response;
- II. Claims 8-9, drawn to dendritic cell preparations;
- III. Claims 11-12, drawn to antigen-expressing dendritic cells; and
- IV. Claims 10 and 13, drawn to a method of preparing antigen-presenting dendritic cells.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I. With respect to the requirements for election of species imposed in Sections 7, 8 and 9 on page 2 of the Office Action, Applicants elect interferon alpha (Section 7), GM-CSF (Section 8) and cancer (Section 9) as the species for initial examination purposes. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 14 read on the elected species.